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Thank you for visiting Richard M. Nixon County Park!

Nixon County Park and Nature Center is one of 11 York County Parks. Nixon County Park is open all year round and admission is free except for special events. The nature center features a museum collection of wildlife mounts, interactive nature exhibits, a library, bird-watching windows, and live reptiles.

Park Hours:

Walking Trails are open 8 am to dusk daily.
Trails are closed to dogs, bikes, and horses.
There is no hunting at Nixon County Park.

Nature Center and Gift Shop Hours:

8:30am-4:30pm Tuesday– Saturday

12:00-4:30pm Sundays

Closed Mondays and Holidays

Park Address:

5922 Nixon Drive
York, PA 17403

See our website calendar for a list of special events
and nature programs offered throughout the year:

www.YorkCountyParks.org

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My Visit to Nixon Park



Nature Center Scavenger Hunt for 1st-3rd grades

To be completed with adult assistance.

MY NAME

Don't forget the nature center rules!

- Walking Only.
- Inside Voices.
- Stay With Your Group.
- Don't tap on the glass.
- Don't touch the animal mounts.





Insects



Where in the world were the insects collected?

(circle the answers)

North America South America

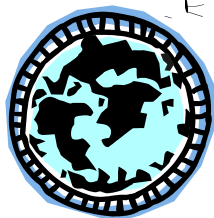
Arctic

Australia

Africa

Central America

Asia



Insects have lots of relatives! Find one and write it here:

How many legs do insects have?

Number the stages of a moth or butterfly life cycle in the correct order. (1,2,3,4)



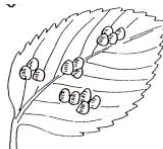
Larva



Adult



Pupa



Egg

Lower Ramp

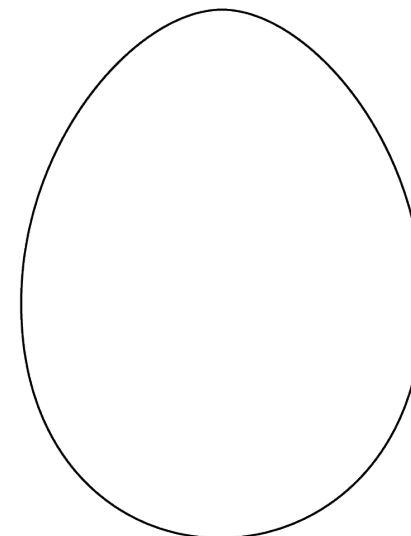
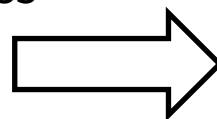


How many bees do you see?

How many opossums do you see hanging in the tree?

What is next to number 9?

Take a close look at the eggs in this display and their many colors and patterns. Create your own unique pattern on this egg!



ABC...



Upper Ramp Letter Wall

Look at the large letters on the walls along the ramp. What animal starts with:

F _____

R _____

O _____

G _____

S _____



Pond Exhibit



Look at the ducks hanging on the wall.
Circle the different colors you can see on them:

Black Brown White Gray Green
Orange Blue Purple Yellow Red

There are three furs you can touch in this exhibit. Which mammals are they from?



THE ARCTIC



Which animal has giant tusks?

Grey Wolf

Walrus

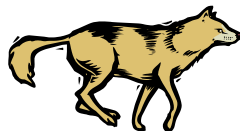
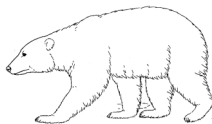
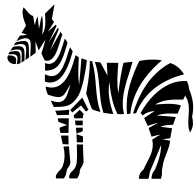
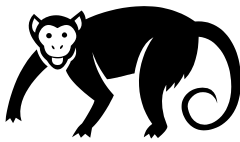
Musk Ox

Tusks are like my _____.

What do polar bears eat? _____

Can you find those foods in the painting?

Circle the 3 animals below that live in the Arctic.



Water Display (near the restrooms)

Check off the ways YOU can help conserve water.

- ☐ Wash toys, cars, and bikes outside with a bucket instead of the hose.



- ☐ Turn off the water while brushing teeth and washing hands.



- ☐ Take short showers instead of a bath.



- ☐ Don't water the lawn too often.



- ☐ Don't flush trash down the toilet.



The water meter measures how much water is used each day at Nixon Park.

How much water was used yesterday?

_____ GAL

How much water has been used today?

_____ GAL

When was more water used? Today or Yesterday?

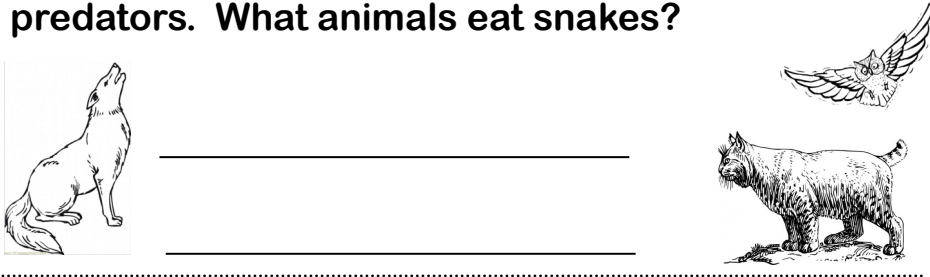
Learn more at home: <http://www.epa.gov/WaterSense/kids/index.html>

Snakes & Window Area

Circle foods that snakes eat.



Snakes are food (or prey) for many different predators. What animals eat snakes?



Do you see any birds at the window?

YES **NO**

What colors are they?



Why are they different colors?

You can see birds up close in the winter when they are attracted to seeds at bird feeders. In the summer birds can be seen coming and going between nesting sites and places they can find insects to eat like gardens and woods. If there are no birds outside, look around the nature center instead!

ANTELOPE WALL



There are many different kinds of antelope in Africa. Their horns come in all different shapes and sizes.

Pick your favorite shape of horns and draw them on the antelope!



Many of the antelope you see here live in a special habitat called the:

Fill in the blanks!

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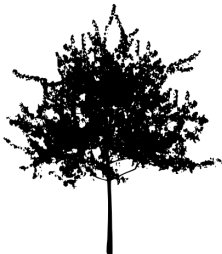
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Canopy Deck

(Between the Arctic and Northwest)



Step outside onto the deck and look all around you. Do you notice:

- ☐ A birds' nest
- ☐ Clouds in the sky
- ☐ Leaves falling
- ☐ Wind blowing
- ☐ Stream flowing
- ☐ Sun shining
- ☐ Squirrels scurrying
- ☐ Webworm nest
- ☐ Birds singing
- ☐ Walnuts or fruits



What **continent** is this tiger from?
(circle one)

Asia North America Africa

Are there big cats on our continent?


Yes No

Pennsylvania Turtles



If I lived underwater like a mud turtle, I would eat:

If I lived on the forest floor like a box turtle, I would eat:



Circle the correct answers.

Turtles lay or bask in the sun to:

Warm up

Find food

Digest food

Get a tan

Help eggs develop

True and False Questions
Circle T for true or F for false:

- T F A turtle's backbone is stuck to its shell.
- T F Turtles can crawl out of their shell.
- T F Turtles are easy pets.
- T F Turtles have a home range or territory.

Amphibians

True or False
Circle T or F

- T F Amphibians have claws and scales.
- T F Most amphibians have smooth, moist skin.
- T F Snakes are amphibians.

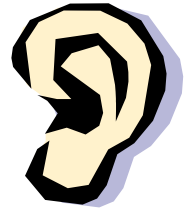
Circle the animals below that are amphibians!



Northwest



**Which of these body parts of the Kodiak bear is the largest?
(Circle) Why?**



Measure the length and width of the bear footprint:

_____ inches long x _____ inches wide

Measure your shoe:

_____ inches long x _____ inches wide

Which is bigger? (circle)



Mine



Bear

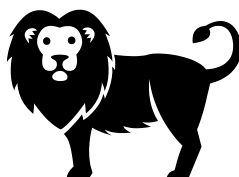
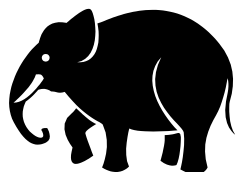
AFRICA



Investigate the elephant tusk.
How is it similar to the Walrus' tusk?

How much does the elephant tusk weigh?

Which African animal below is a PREDATOR?
(An animal that hunts and eats other animals)
Circle it.



Touch Room

There's lots to explore in the wetland touch room!
✓ the things you did!

- ☐ Explore the animals behind the wetland "grasses".
- ☐ Write a wetland sentence on the Velcro wall.
- ☐ Put the frog life cycle in order.
- ☐ Wear a costume.
- ☐ Read a book.
- ☐ Count how many birds you can find.



Phenology Wall

On the Phenology wall, find the month that we are in. What is one cool thing happening in nature this month?